



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

Monday March 24, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, Selectman Kevin O'Connor, Selectman Rich Lemoine arrived at 6:35 P.M.

Absent: Selectman Jay Booth

Staff Present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman and
Admin Assistant Therese Gay

Finance Committee Members present: John Griffin, Colleen Gabriel, Rob Mullin, and Kenneth Times arrived at 7:20 P.M.

Member absent: Fred Perrault

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair is running ½ hour late. The Board and staff were introduced. The Clerk read this evening's agenda.

1. Citizen's Time

No one came forward.

2. Budgets

The Selectmen and the Finance Committee are meeting this evening to discuss budgets. After budget discussion with the Department Heads and reviewing the School side of the budget the Town side of government sees a shortfall of \$440,000 and the School has a shortfall of 1.2 million dollars. The Administrator has a draft of possible cuts of \$300,000. The Fire department was reduced and with the Police Chief doing his reorganization within his existing budget the shortfall on the government side is down to \$148,958. The Selectmen would like to review budgets further before going to a trash fee. There was discussion with the Finance Committee both boards agree that a 3 year plan would help to provide financial planning and determine where, if possible, to consolidate services and/or regionalize. The Board of Selectmen on a motion by Selectman O'Connor, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz voted to recognize a committee at the next non tri-board agenda to start a three year financial plan.

3. Special Town Meeting Briefing Book

The Board and Finance Committee received the briefing book for the Special Town meeting Tuesday March 25th. Articles 1 through 6 and Article 8 were discussed at the last meeting. Article 7 motion will have wording not to exceed \$60,000.00 maybe lower if the assessment is lower; the funds will come from the CPC's unreserved account. The Board and Finance Committee will make their recommendation on town meeting floor.

The Finance Committee Members left the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

4. Correspondence

The Selectmen voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to accept the correspondence as submitted.

5. Selectmen's Notes

The Board sends condolences to Joan Ferrari and her family on the passing of her mother this past week. Selectman O'Connor was disappointed at the School Committee's comment about the town's funding the Recreation Dept., the Council on Aging and the Library since the school believe that these are not essential services. The Board should not be hearing about an override through the Finance Committee's representative, the School Chair should be talking to the Selectman's Chair. The Board asks that the Chair call and speak to the School Committee Chair about the override question. Selectman Lemoine reminded everyone of the special town meeting on Tuesday night at the Elementary school. The Economic Development Committee will host a series of meetings in March and April.

6. Town Administrator's Notes

Meetings have been scheduled with the consultant for the Town Center project. On March 27, the consultant will talk with town boards, the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Community Preservation Commission. On April 7, the consultant will talk with property owners in the area, and on April 15, there will be a public hearing. We have been interviewing senior citizens for the senior tax work-off program and will have recommendations for the next Selectmen's meeting. The performance reviews for clerical union personnel is currently underway.

7. Executive Session (If Necessary)

A. Litigation

The Board voted 5-0 on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to enter into an Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy. Roll Call Vote: Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes; Selectman Kevin O'Connor, yes; and Selectman Rich Lemoine yes. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

The Board voted 4-0 on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to exit the executive session. Roll Call Vote: Selectwoman Schnackertz, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes; and Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes. The Board exited the session at 7:50 P.M.

8. Adjournment

The Board voted 4-0 on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to exit Executive Session and to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes; and Selectman Rich Lemoine yes. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to adjourn the meeting.

The Selectmen's meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant

Approved on _____